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In this undated picture released on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010, South Korean's new Prime Minister Kim Tae-ho gestures while speaking in South Korea. South Korean President Lee Myung-bak has named former provincial governor Kim as his new prime minister as part of a Cabinet reshuffle.

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Hunter Mahan smiles after winning the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010, in Akron, Ohio.

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In this this Dec. 8, 2008 file photo reviewed by the U.S. Military, Camp Justice is seen near a high-security courtroom which held pre-trial sessions for Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and his four co-defendants on charges related to the 9/11 attacks, on the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. As the U.S. military prepares for the first war crimes trial under President Barack Obama on Aug. 9, 2010, it's most high-profile case against the planners of the Sept. 11 attacks is stuck in political and legal limbo.

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## Guantanamo gears up for first trial under Obama

MIKE MELIA

Associated Press Writer

GUANTANAMO BAY  
NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP)

— U.S. military officers were flying in Sunday to serve as jurors in war-crimes proceedings as the

Guantanamo tribunal system geared up for one of its busiest weeks under President Barack Obama.

The Pentagon is holding military commission sessions this week for two detainees: a young Canadian going on

trial for the slaying of a U.S. soldier in Afghanistan and an aide to Osama bin Laden who is to be sentenced after pleading guilty in a deal with prosecutors.

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## Nagasaki marks 65th anniversary of U.S. atomic bomb

TOKYO (AP) — The Japanese city of Nagasaki is marking the 65 anniversary of the U.S. atomic bomb attack in the waning days of World War II.

A moment of silence was observed Monday at 11:02 a.m., the time when the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the southern Japanese city on Aug. 9, 1945, three days after its first nuclear bombing on Hiroshima.

About 80,000 people were killed in Nagasaki and some 140,000 people were killed or died within months in Hiroshima. Japan surrendered on Aug. 15, ending World War II.

While the United States sent its first delegation to Friday's atomic ceremony in Hiroshima, it did not dispatch a representatives to the Nagasaki anniversary. □

## Storms spawn tornadoes in North Dakota, Minnesota

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — Strong storms spawned several tornadoes that touched down in southeast North Dakota and western Minnesota, including one that appeared to have struck a farm house. No injuries appear to have been reported. A video shot by a storm chaser showed a tornado touching down near a farm house in Wilkin County, Minn., and debris flying into the air as the funnel tore into the building. The home destroyed in the video was near the tiny community of Campbell, Minn., according to a dispatcher with the Wilkin County Sheriff. But the owner, Al Kosel, 76, and his family weren't home, and there were no injuries, she said.

The storms started in North Dakota and moved east into Minnesota, said Tom Grafenauer, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service office in Grand Forks. Touchdowns were reported between about 6:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. near Tyler, N.D.; Tenney, Minn.; and Fergus Falls, Minn. "Most of this action was in Minnesota," Grafenauer said. One tornado appeared to be on the ground for 20 or 30 minutes, he said. Dave Langenwaller told KVLV-TV in Fargo that he and his son had just gone into their basement when a tornado touched down just yards from their house near Tyler, N.D. □

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# U.S. commander says Iraqis ready to handle security



A U.S. Army soldier stands at the scene of a blast in Ramadi, west of Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010. A suicide car bomber struck a police patrol west of Baghdad Sunday and killed several people, most of them civilians standing in line outside a post office to collect a monthly state stipend for some of the country's poorest, police officials said.

By **MATTHEW LEE**  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Iraq's military is ready and able to

take over security operations as the United States ends its combat role and prepares for a major troop withdrawal, the

commander of U.S. forces in Iraq said Sunday.

Gen. Ray Odierno said Iraq's military has "stepped up"

*Associated Press*

to the challenge even as Iraqi politicians continue to squabble over the formation of a new government and new incidents of extremist violence are reported.

"We do believe they are ready to assume full operations in Iraq," Odierno said on ABC's "This Week." He praised the Iraqi security forces for their professionalism and neutrality during the months of political uncertainty that followed elections earlier this year.

Odierno added, however, that it is critical for Iraq to form a government after five months of delay, warning that insurgents will try to take advantage of the political vacuum.

"The Iraqis have to understand the importance of forming the government," he said.

Violence has dropped dramatically in Iraq since 2008, but insurgent attacks remain a daily occurrence, especially in the capital Baghdad, preventing the city

from regaining a semblance of normalcy seven years after the insurgency broke out.

Still, violence has spiked over the past month as the U.S. moves ahead with a major drawdown of its troops to be completed by the end of August, when only 50,000 will remain in the country.

On Sunday, a suicide car bomber struck a police patrol in Ramadi, west of Baghdad, killing eight people and wounding 23, and a car bomb exploded in the former insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, killing two people and injuring four. Those followed attacks in the southern city of Basra, where explosions hit a market and killed 43 people on Saturday.

Odierno acknowledged that there were "ups and downs" but spoke of a "broad change in the security environment" as Iraqi security forces with U.S. assistance move against insurgents. "I think they can handle it," he said. □



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# Difficult task to lower risk of workplace violence

By BEN DOBBIN

Associated Press Writer

Criminologists call it murder by proxy — rampages by employees who go after their boss, supervisors and even co-workers they link to the source of their outrage. The message is: Look who's doing the firing now.

These eruptions of workplace violence often occur in similarly brutal ways. But experts say they rarely come with a warning, making them hard to stop.

Employers can reduce the risk of on-the-job attacks, especially in cases where employees are about to get axed; if there have been signs of distress or aggression, they can move the conversation away from the main work space or have security present. Patdown searches and the use of metal detectors are also options for some companies but have the drawback of raising tension.

In the latest outburst of workplace violence, Omar Thornton, a driver for a beer distributor, fatally shot eight fellow workers and wounded two others Tuesday at the company warehouse in Manchester, Conn., then killed himself.

Thornton calmly agreed to quit after being confronted with surveillance video showing him stealing beer. Shortly afterward, he started shooting. Nothing in his work history or behavior suggested he would be violent, the company said. Though Thornton, who is black, alleged in a phone call to 911 that he had been racially harassed, his employers and union disputed the claim and said he had never filed a complaint.

"Ten seconds before he started shooting, if you had asked me, does he look like he's going to react in any way? I would have said 'no, he seems calm,'" Steve Hollander, a company vice president grazed by the gunman's bullets, told The Associated Press the day of the attack.

Meetings to fire employees should be carefully planned, taking into account the location, how many people are going to be present and

what should be done if there is any potential for violence, said Jim Francis, a senior security consultant at T&M Protection Resources, a security firm in New York.

Among the questions to ask, he said: Should an off-duty police officer be brought in for security?

If an employee has a violent past, he said, the choices are more clear-cut and the planning easier.

"You certainly then ought to expect that there is potential for additional violence," he said.

Heavy security measures can backfire.

"Searching an employee and bringing in metal detectors on a one-off basis is probably not something you're going to do because ... you may be inflaming the scenario by playing such a strong card," he said.

Without warning signs — and even with security measures in place — experts say there is little that can be done to stop a determined gunman.

"The only way to guarantee you never become a victim of a workplace shooting is to be self-employed," said James Alan Fox, professor of criminology at Northeastern University in Boston.

Investigators say Thornton came to work at Hartford Distributors with two 9 mm handguns stashed in his lunch box, which he placed in the kitchen next to the office where he learned he was being let go. After quietly agreeing to resign, the 34-year-old retrieved the guns, killed two men who had attended his disciplinary hearing, then roamed through the plant and the parking lot targeting other workers.

Francis said companies of all sizes need to consider a violence protection plan.

In all cases where there's potential for violence, the interview should be conducted away from the main workplace, employees should be escorted to and from the room and supervisors should evaluate whether "this situation is serious enough that we want security visibly present," Francis said.

Trained supervisors will be aware of the need to avoid angering the employee unnecessarily.

"You always want to be conveying empathy, not sympathy," he said. "It's not agreeing with them but it's at least recognizing they're in a tense circumstance. Your actions and words need to be crafted such that they don't further inflame the situation." Companies should also provide training to help staff understand danger signs in those around them, said Ross Arrowsmith, a senior security adviser with Workers Compensation Board in Alberta, Canada.

An average of 63 people are killed each year by a co-worker or former co-worker in U.S. workplaces, federal statistics show. □



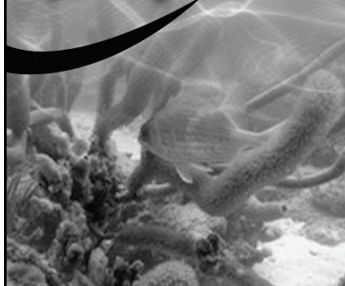
This June 2010 cell phone photo provided by Kristi Hannah, shows her boyfriend Omar Thornton in Niantic, Conn. Police said Thornton killed eight people and wounded two, then turned the gun on himself in a rampage Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, in Manchester, Conn.

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# Immigration issue boosts Brewer in Arizona race



Gov. Jan Brewer, right, pauses before answering a question regarding the latest on the new Arizona immigration law, accompanied by Sen. John McCain, in Glendale, Ariz., Friday, July 30, 2010. Brewer and McCain held the news conference in the Phoenix suburb to applaud a U.S. Air Force decision to base new F-35 combat jets at Luke Air Force Base in Glendale, but the event abruptly ended when the barrage of questions were regarding the immigration law and the next steps the governor was taking in the court battle.

By PAUL DAVENPORT  
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — As the year began, Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer faced a competitive

field of fellow Republicans who wanted her job, with some GOP critics sensing she was particularly vulnerable as she sought voter approval

of a sales tax increase she'd proposed to shore up the state budget.

All of that began to change in April, when she signed a tough new state law cracking down on illegal immigrants, which soon put Arizona at the heart of a rabid national debate on immigration. Now, with Arizona's Aug. 24 GOP primary just two weeks away, not only she is riding high, but she can confidently boast of an enviable reputation among conservatives across the country.

"She essentially flipped the whole election," said Matthew Jette, the only candidate still actively campaigning against Brewer. "She was pretty much dead last, except if you count me."

All of the prominent challengers have either withdrawn or stopped actively campaigning. And while early polling had put Brewer 20 points below the presumptive Democratic nominee, Attorney General Terry Goddard, recent polling had her leading him by that much.

And Republican candidates in other states have been welcoming her endorsements.

Brewer "has become an inspiration to conservatives and represents the new kind of leadership we need across the country," said Georgia gubernatorial candidate Karen Handel.

Brewer was midway through her second term as Arizona's secretary of state when she took over the governor's office from Democrat Janet Napolitano, who resigned in January 2009 to run the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The position caps nearly three decades as an elected official in Arizona, in which she represented western Phoenix suburbs in the state Legislature for 14 years.

Signing the immigration law on April 23 was a huge moment for Brewer politically, said Richard Herrera, an Arizona State

University associate professor of political science.

It distracted attention from the tax increase while "promoting herself as tough on immigration and putting her in line with the point of view of primary voters in the Republican Party, trumping the other contenders for conservativeness," Herrera said. "She and her campaign staff played it absolutely perfectly."

Brewer's political path in her home state eased considerably when millionaire businessman Buz Mills in mid-July suspended his campaign — a campaign on which he'd already lavished at least \$3 million of his own money, mainly for slick television commercials.

The problem, Mills said, was that the immigration law "has regrettably taken the focus off of job creation and fixing the state budget" — the concerns that drew Mills into the race last spring.

Mills' move came just days after State Treasurer Dean Martin suspended his campaign. Martin later formally withdrew from the race but too late to keep his name off the ballot. Former state Republican Party Chairman John Munger stepped out of the race in June. Former Paradise Valley Mayor Vernon Parker left earlier.

The departures left only Jette, a former pharmaceuticals salesman and part-time collage instructor.

A self-described moderate, Jette says the immigration law is "hostile and divisive." He grudgingly supported the sales tax increase approved by voters in a May 18 special election but said Brewer hasn't adequately protected health care, education and other services from budget cuts.

Aside from the tax increase, Brewer has posted a reliably conservative record.

As governor, Brewer froze state regulatory rules and signed bills to put new

restrictions on abortion and allow Arizonans to carry concealed weapons without a state permit.

In the governor's race, she's already set her targets on Goddard even before formally winning her party's nomination.

Voters, Brewer said, have clear choices "between the advocates of bigger government, uncontrolled spending and unaccountable education policies and those of us committed to smaller government, job creation, fiscal discipline, and quality education."

Goddard lashed back at Brewer when a federal judge on July 29 blocked implementation of big parts of the immigration law, ruling that it likely would fall to the federal government's constitutional challenge.

"Jan Brewer played politics with immigration, and she lost," Goddard said. "Rather than providing the leadership Arizona needs to solve the immigration problem, Jan Brewer signed a bill she could not defend in court which has led to boycotts, jeopardized our tourism industry and polarized our state."

On immigration and border security, Goddard cites his office's work against smuggling cartels and calls for increased federal action against those who transport drugs and people north across the U.S.-Mexico border and money and drugs south.

"Goddard still has a problem so long as the law is the defining campaign issue," Herrera said.

Goddard needs to switch the campaign's focus to the state's still struggling economy and its continued budget troubles, but Brewer can hope that illegal immigration serves as a surrogate issue for many voters' general dissatisfaction.

Herrera said.

"That can resonate with voters who are looking for some sort of answer," he said. □



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# Ariz. escapees believed to be in Yellowstone area

By SUSAN MONTOYA  
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Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

— The search for two men who escaped from a private Arizona prison and their suspected accomplice has turned to the vast Yellowstone National Park area after one of the inmates was linked to a double homicide in New Mexico and efforts to find them intensified.

The U.S. Marshals Service said Sunday information developed within the past two days indicates Tracy Province, John McCluskey and Casslyn Welch may be hiding in portions of the park that span Montana and Wyoming. The agency also said investigators believe Province has separated from McCluskey and Welch. It doesn't appear any of the three are expert campers or have wilderness survival skills, said Thomas Henman, supervisory deputy with the U.S. Marshals Service in Phoenix.

"From the start, we believed these individuals would be staying at campgrounds and truck stops and other places like that. This keeps to that pattern," Henman said. He added authorities believe the three might be sticking to back roads and smaller state highways.

Federal investigators in Montana and Wyoming and law enforcement authorities with the National Park Service are working with investigators from Arizona to follow leads in the Yellowstone area.

Also, U.S. authorities have advised the Royal Canadian

Mounted Police that the suspects may try to cross into Canada, Henman said. The warning was issued because the three have quickly moved northward and were within several hundred miles of the border, he said.

The manhunt for the three intensified Saturday after forensic evidence linked at least one of the inmates to the killings of an Oklahoma couple who was traveling through eastern New Mexico earlier this week.

The badly burned skeletal remains of Linda and Gary Haas — both 61 and from Tecumseh, Okla. — were found in a charred camper Wednesday morning on a remote ranch in Santa Rosa. The couple's pickup truck was found that afternoon 100 miles west in Albuquerque.

Henman and New Mexico State Police spokesman Peter Olson both called the search for the two inmates an urgent situation given the double-homicide in New Mexico.

"They are very dangerous individuals, very desperate individuals, and the longer they're out there, the more desperate they become and the more dangerous they become," Henman said Sunday.

Province, McCluskey and Daniel Renwick escaped from the medium-security Arizona State Prison near Kingman on July 30 after authorities say the 44-year-old Welch of Mesa threw wire cutters over the perimeter fence. Welch is McCluskey's fiancée and cousin.

The three later kidnapped two semi-truck drivers at



In this combination of undated photos provided by the Mohave County Sheriff's Office, Tracy Province, left, John McCluskey, center, Daniel Renwick are shown. New Mexico State Police spokesman Peter Olson said Province, McCluskey and Casslyn Welch, who helped them escape, have been linked to a couple's killing. Renwick was arrested in Colorado on Aug. 1.

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gunpoint and used the big rig to get away, authorities said. The group left the drivers unharmed in the truck at a stop just off Interstate 40 in Flagstaff and then fled. Renwick was arrested Aug. 1 in Colorado.

Province was serving a life sentence for murder and robbery out of Pima County, Ariz. McCluskey was serving a 15-year prison term for attempted second-degree murder, aggravated assault and discharge of a firearm out of Maricopa County, Ariz. Renwick had been serving a 22-year sentence for second-degree murder. Authorities said the movements of the two inmates and their accomplice have been unpredictable so they will continue with the nationwide manhunt until all three are arrested. Publicizing their photographs in newspapers and on television, including a segment Saturday night on "America's Most Wanted," has helped generate tips, investigators said. □



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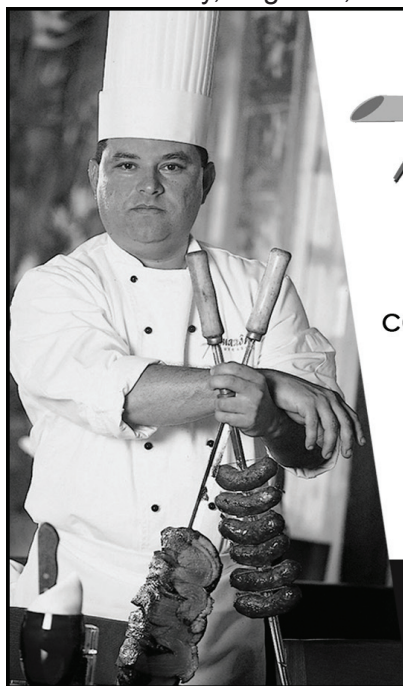
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## South Korean president names new prime minister



South Korea's new Prime Minister nominee Kim Tae-ho waves to the media upon his arrival at his office in Seoul, South Korea, Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010. South Korean President Lee Myung-bak named Kim, a former provincial governor, as his new prime minister on Sunday as part of a Cabinet reshuffle.

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**KWANG-TAE KIM**, Associated Press Writer  
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean President Lee Myung-bak named a former provincial governor as his new prime minister on Sunday as part of an extensive Cabinet reshuffle aimed at restoring public support following his party's surprise defeat in local elections.

Presidential secretary for public relations Hong Sang-pyo announced that the shake-up also included the ministers of education, knowledge economy and five other departments. It did not affect the key ministries of foreign affairs, defense or unification.

Kim Tae-ho, a former governor of South Gyeongsang province, was nominated to replace Chung Un-chan as prime minister, Hong said. The appointment is subject to parliamentary approval.

The prime minister is the nation's second-highest official, but is largely a ceremonial position with little decision-making power.

The shake-up came in response to public demands for reform, the presidential office said in a statement.

Lee's ruling party suffered a surprise defeat in mayoral and gubernatorial elections in June, though it won parliamentary by-elections in July.

The elections were considered a gauge of public support for Lee's conservative government.

South Korean presidents often use personnel appointments to regain public confidence. Kim, 47, said he would seek national reconciliation and enhance communication with the people.

South Korea has been divided over a plan to move more than half of the 15 government ministries out of the capital to a nearby city.

Chung, the outgoing prime minister, led the charge to abandon the project. President Lee Myung-bak has said the plan would waste taxpayer money and create inefficiencies.

The National Assembly rejected Lee's push in June, forcing him to start work on

implementing the original plan, which proponents say would foster regional development and help solve Seoul's worsening traffic and housing problems.

Lee also replaced the ministers of culture, agriculture, health and welfare, employment and labor, and a special minister handling political affairs.

The reshuffle came amid tension with North Korea over large South Korean naval drills off the west coast, including areas near the two countries' disputed sea border.

The exercises, which end Monday, were aimed at strengthening South Korea's ability to counter any North Korean provocations following the March sinking of a South Korean warship that killed 46 sailors.

North Korea — which has denied involvement in the sinking — warned last week it would "counter the reckless naval firing projected by the group of traitors with strong physical retaliation" and advised civilian ships to stay away from the maritime border.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said no unusual military activity has been detected in the North.

Seoul has said it will launch more military exercises with the United States on Aug. 16 following joint naval drills last month off South Korea's east coast. □

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# Death toll rises to 11 in flooding in Europe

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The death toll in flooding in central Europe rose to 11 as Poland's interior minister said Sunday that two more people had died in the southwestern region of the country.

The flooding has struck an area near the borders of Poland, Germany and the Czech Republic.

Heavy rains in Poland caused flooding in the southwestern town of Bogatynia and one person was already reported dead on Saturday.

In the northern Czech Republic, five people were found drowned over the weekend.

Another three people drowned in the eastern German state of Saxony on Saturday. Several roads and villages there were flooded

by swelling Neisse river and hundreds of people were evacuated with rubber boats by rescue workers from their homes in the city of Goerlitz.

Polish Interior Minister Jerzy Miller refused to give details about the three deaths in his country because he said he wasn't yet sure if their relatives had all been informed.

The worst-hit town in Poland was Bogatynia, where a bridge was destroyed and many were left without electricity and running water.

It is the third time this year that Poland has been affected by flooding. A first wave in May was the most severe. It caused widespread damage to homes and killed more than 20 people.

In the Czech Republic, at



Residents walk among the debris following flooding in Bogatynia, Poland, on Saturday Aug. 7, 2010. The floods struck late Friday but worsened on Saturday, leaving three-fourths of the southwestern Polish town of Bogatynia inundated after the Miedzianka River spilled its banks.

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least a thousand people had to be evacuated Saturday, some from areas below two dams threatened by rising

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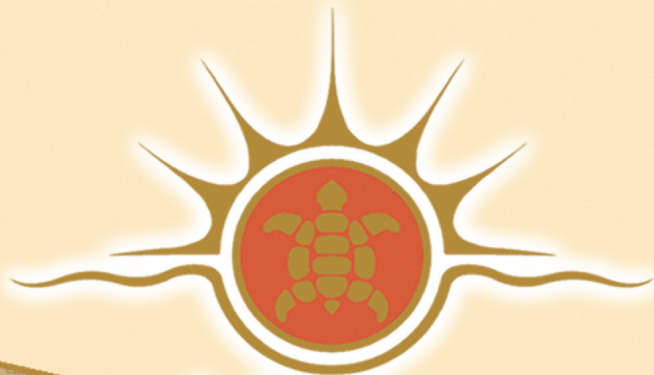


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## GUANTANAMO

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The tribunal system that ground to a halt after Obama took office is coming alive with lawyers, human-rights observers and more than 30 journalists who are at the U.S. Navy base in southeastern Cuba to attend Monday's proceedings in two courtrooms.

Obama has introduced some changes designed to extend more legal protections to detainees, but the tribunals' long-term future remains cloudy as the president struggles to fulfill a pledge to close the prison altogether.

The trial for Omar Khadr, the Toronto-born son of an alleged al-Qaida financier, is expected to begin Tuesday following pretrial hearings.

It is to be the first trial under Obama and only the third at Guantanamo, where the system that former President George W. Bush established for prosecuting terror suspects after the 9/11 attack has faced repeated legal setbacks and challenges.

Khadr is accused of lobbing a grenade that killed U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Speer of Albuquerque, New Mexico, during a 2002 firefight in Afghanistan.



He faces a maximum life sentence if convicted of charges including murder, conspiracy and spying.

His lawyers deny he threw the grenade and argue that Khadr, the last Westerner at Guantanamo, deserves leniency because he was only 15 when he was captured. They contend the prosecution rests on confessions extracted following abuse that included sleep deprivation and threats of rape.

"President Obama has decided to write the next sad, pathetic chapter in the book of military commissions and unfortunately the president is starting the military commissions with the case

of a child soldier," Army Lt. Col. Jon Jackson, Khadr's attorney, said at a news conference Sunday.

Khadr said in a May letter to one of his Canadian lawyers, Dennis Edney, that he was resigned to a harsh sentence from a system that he called unfair.

"It might work if the world sees the U.S. sentencing a child to life in prison, it might show the world how unfair and sham (sic) this process is," Khadr wrote.

A spokesman for the military commissions prosecutors, Navy Capt. David Iglesias, said the defendant's age may be considered at sentencing if Khadr is convicted but has no legal bearing on his

prosecution.

"What you look to is did he know what he was doing," Iglesias said. "We'll let the evidence speak for itself."

The U.S. Supreme Court last week rejected a last-ditch request to halt the trial on grounds the system is unconstitutional.

In the other case, a military panel will begin deliberations as early as Monday on a sentence for Ibrahim Ahmed Mahmoud al-Qosi, a Sudanese detainee who pleaded guilty last month to one count each of conspiracy and providing material support for terrorism.

Al-Qosi was accused of acting as accountant, paymaster, supply chief and cook for al-Qaida during the 1990s when the terrorist network was centered in Sudan and Afghanistan. He allegedly worked later as a bodyguard for bin Laden.

The 50-year-old from Sudan faced a potential life sentence if convicted at trial. Terms of the plea deal, including any limits on his sentence, have not been disclosed. Iglesias said it may remain sealed even after the case is resolved.

Both detainees have been held at Guantanamo since 2002. □

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# Chavez to meet with Colombia's new president

By CHRISTOPHER  
TOOTHAKER  
Associated Press Writer

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and his new Colombian counterpart, Juan Manuel Santos, will meet this week as the first step toward restoring diplomatic relations between the South American neighbors, officials said Sunday.

Colombian Foreign Minister Maria Angela Holguin announced that the two leaders would meet in Colombia on Tuesday. They will attempt to smooth over a diplomatic conflict that boiled over last month when Chavez severed diplomatic ties with the U.S.-allied Colombia after its outgoing president, Alvaro Uribe, accused the socialist leader of permitting Colombian rebels to find refuge within Venezuelan territory.

"We've taken this first step ... with the objective being the reestablishment of relations between the two countries," Holguin said at a joint appearance with Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro. Chavez denies he has given haven to Colombian rebels, and the former paratroop commander says he has instructed his military to

confront members of any illegal armed group that slips into his country.

Chavez reiterated Sunday that he wants to forge friendly relations with Colombia following Santos' inauguration Saturday.

"We have much hope that the new government will begin to construct all that Uribe's government destroyed," Chavez said.

Diplomatic relations between Caracas and Bogota were particularly rocky during Uribe's last year in office.

Chavez completely broke relations after Uribe's government presented the Organization of American States with video of alleged Colombian rebel camps in Venezuela and demanded that Venezuela investigate the allegations.

Chavez refused to investigate, but the self-proclaimed Marxist vehemently denied aiding the left-leaning Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia and the smaller National Liberation Army.

Earlier Sunday, Chavez urged Colombia's rebels to release their hostages as a means of kick-starting negotiations with Santos on ending the nation's decades-

long armed conflict. His comments appeared to be a show of support for Santos. "Just as one proposes that Colombia's government seek the path to peace, the guerrillas also must do it," said Chavez, speaking during his weekly radio and television program.

Then he called on the rebels to release dozens of hostages held in camps located deep within Colombia's jungles.

"Why do the guerrillas have people held hostage?" Chavez asked, suggesting they should not be using kidnapped Colombians to try to negotiate the release of imprisoned rebels.

Santos says he is unwilling to discuss peace with the FARC until it frees hostages, halts what he calls "terrorist acts" and stops recruiting child soldiers.

Uribe opposed a swap of imprisoned rebels for hostages unless any guerrillas who were freed agreed to abandon the FARC.

Chavez repeatedly criticized Uribe for focusing on weakening the rebels through increased military action — a strategy that won the two-term president strong public support — instead of trying to negotiate with the guerrillas.



Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos, left, sits next to Colombia's outgoing President Alvaro Uribe during his swearing-in ceremony in Bogota, Colombia, Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010.

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Chavez said the rebels are "The Colombian guerrillas mistaken in thinking they don't have a future through can seize power in Colombia the armed struggle," he said. □

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# Ferrell's 'Other Guys' tops box office with \$35.6M



**FILE** - In this film publicity file image released by Columbia Pictures, Will Ferrell, left, Steve Coogan and Mark Wahlberg, right, are shown in a scene from 'The Other Guys.' 'The Other Guys' are the main guys at the box office, knocking off 'Inception' to take the No. 1 spot. The buddy-cop parody starring Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg made \$35.6 million in its opening weekend, according to Sunday estimates from Sony Pictures.

(AP Photo)

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**,  
AP Movie Critic

LOS ANGELES - "The Other Guys" are the main guys at the box office, knocking off "Inception" to take the No. 1

spot.

The buddy-cop parody starring Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg made \$35.6 million in its opening weekend, according to Sunday estimates from Sony Pictures.

It's the second-highest debut for a film in which Ferrell has starred, and yet another strong showing for the movies he's made with his frequent collaborator, writer-director Adam McKay. Their biggest opening was "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby," which debuted at No. 1 with \$47 million in August 2006. "Step Brothers" made \$30.9 million and came in second place when it opened in July 2008. And their first film together, "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy," opened in second place in July

2004 with \$28.4 million.

"Inception," which had been the top film in the country the past three weeks, fell to No. 2 with \$18.6 million. Christopher Nolan's mind-bending dream thriller from Warner Bros. has now made \$227.7 million since its debut July 16.

Rory Bruer, Sony's president of worldwide distribution, said the studio had a good idea that "The Other Guys" would open at No. 1, but estimated it would make around \$30 million. Ferrell plays a nerdy, uptight New York police detective who'd rather solve crimes from his desk than run into danger on the streets. Wahlberg is his hot-tempered, frustrated partner who's desperate for action, and the supporting cast includes Michael Keaton, Eva Mendes, Samuel L. Jackson and Dwayne Johnson.

"The tracking on the film has been really terrific — just the buzz on the film, reviews are 80-percent fresh on Rotten Tomatoes," Bruer said. "From all the screenings we had on the film, people just loved it and thought it was hilarious so we felt pretty good about it." Ferrell-McKay productions

have a solid track record, Bruer said, because "they're the ultimate funny."

"The chemistry between those two men in regards to comedy is at the top of their game," he said. "They bring out the best of each other."

The fact that "The Other Guys" and "Inception" are both so popular shows that audiences are hungry for a variety of ideas this time of year, said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com.

"How much different could these two films be? They both have action elements but that's where the comparison between these two films ends," he said. "That's the cool thing about summer movies: They can run the gamut from silly, off-the-wall comedies to serious, intense fare."

The other new movie opening nationwide this weekend, the dance sequel "Step Up 3-D" from Disney and Summit Entertainment, came in third place with \$15.5 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Final figures will be released Monday. □

## Zsa Zsa Gabor hospitalized until at least Monday

LOS ANGELES - Doctors want to keep Zsa Zsa Gabor hospitalized until at least Monday, after the 93-year-old actress went into shock during her recovery from a broken hip.

Gabor's publicist John Blanchette said Saturday that Gabor had a bad reaction to morphine, but her condition has improved since she was switched to a different pain medication. Blanchette calls Gabor "a fighter."

Gabor broke her hip July 17 as she was lifting herself from bed into a wheelchair that tipped over. The Hungarian-born actress' condition began to deteriorate after hip-replacement surgery days



Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor remained in serious condition over the weekend at a Los Angeles hospital after a car crash last week, according to reports December 2, 2002.

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later.

Gabor's husband Prince Frederic von Anhalt says Gabor appears depressed. He hopes the return home will restore her spirit. □

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# Wall Street to keep close eye on key Fed talks

NEW YORK (AFP) – Wall Street will keep a close eye on a key Federal Reserve policy meeting the coming week amid concerns the US economic recovery could stall following larger-than-expected job losses.

US shares ended the week higher despite a market-jolting report Friday showing the economy shed more jobs than expected in July.

Investors were concerned that economic growth, which resumed in the middle of last year after a brutal recession, could be derailed as unemployment remained at a high rate of 9.5 percent and as Americans keep their wallets tightly shut.

With interest rates at virtually zero percent, analysts suggested the Federal Reserve rate-setting body's meeting Tuesday could consider other monetary policy-based stimulus.

It includes action by the central bank to directly pump money into the economy again, like it did at the height of the financial crisis.

"Investors may be anticipating an extension or expansion of the Fed's policy of quantitative easing, or massive purchases of Treasuries and other securities to provide further liquidity to the economy," said analyst Frederic Dickson at D.A. Davidson & Co.

"The rumors of quantitative easing have been a good part of the recent rally in stocks, so if the data continue to come in relatively benign, and the Fed does nothing,

it's hard to say that this rally will be sustained," cautioned Wells Fargo analyst Gina Martin.

Despite persistent economic concerns, the Dow ended the week 1.8 percent higher on Friday at 10,653.56, the first time the blue-chip index closed above the 10,600 level since May 14. The tech-rich Nasdaq composite index was up 1.5 percent over the week at 2,288.47, while the broader S&P 500 index jumped 1.8 percent at 1,121.64.

Aside from better-than-expected company earnings, investors were also buoyed by data earlier in the week showing business activity in the manufacturing and service sectors continuing to expand even as economic growth rates slowed this year.

The markets are also expecting actions by President Barack Obama's administration to spur jobs and growth ahead of November midterm elections that could see his Democratic party lose control of Congress.

"With the midterm elections rapidly approaching, Congress and the Obama Administration simply do not have the luxury of patience with regard to the sluggish pace of job creation," said analyst Philip Orlando at Federated Investors.

If the next monthly jobs report to be released in September does not begin to show stark improvement in the labor market, then Washington needs to come back "with their fiscal guns blazing and orchestrate

an across-the-board tax cut for all consumers and businesses for at least the next two years," he said.

During the upcoming week, the markets are expected to hear economic news that have a more positive spin overall, analysts at IHS Global Insight said.

For example, a government retail sales report for July could show sales modestly higher, they said. □



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# SPORTS

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### Win at Firestone earns Mahan a Ryder Cup spot

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

AKRON, Ohio (AP) —

Hunter Mahan is doing things he never imagined possible, on and off the golf course.

He thought it was “crazy talk” when friends told him he would know immediately when he fell in love, until he met former Dallas Cowboys cheerleader Kandi Harris in December and proposed to her in June.

How about beating Tiger Woods by 30 shots at Firestone?

“I never, ever thought that would be possible,” Mahan said Sunday, stifling a laugh at the absurdity of it all. “It never crossed my mind. It’s definitely different.”

Some six hours after Woods finished off the worst tournament of his career, Mahan looked better than ever in the Bridgestone Invitational. He ran off five birdies on the front nine to make up a four-shot deficit, delivered three clutch pars down the stretch



Hunter Mahan holds the trophy after winning the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010, in Akron, Ohio.

Associated Press

to protect his lead and closed with a 6-under 64 for a two-shot victory over Ryan Palmer that brought plenty of perks. Mahan earned \$1.4 million

to lock up a spot on the U.S. Ryder Cup team, one of his primary goals this year.

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Los Angeles Sparks' Tina Thompson shoots against the San Antonio Silver Stars during a WNBA basketball game in Los Angeles, on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010. Thompson scored 23 points to become the WNBA's all-time scoring leader Sunday night in a 92-83 loss to the San Antonio Silver Stars.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tina Thompson scored

### WNBA Roundup Sparks lose as Thompson becomes points leader

23 points to become the WNBA's all-time scoring leader Sunday night in a 92-83 loss to the San Antonio Silver Stars. She surpassed Lisa Leslie's career total of 6,263 points. Leslie, who played for Los Angeles for her entire career, retired last year. Roneeka Hodges scored 19 points for the Silver Stars (11-17), who have won three of five. Becky Hammon had 18 points, eight rebounds and seven assists and Sophia Young added 16 points and 10 rebounds. □



David Nalbandian, of Argentina, celebrates his win against Marcos Baghdatis, of Cyprus, at the Legg Mason Tennis Classic in Washington on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010. Nalbandian won the final 6-2, 7-6 (4).

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HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

David Nalbandian became the first player ranked outside the top 100 to win an ATP title in 2010, using his typically strong service returns and effective

baseline game to beat No. 25 Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus 6-2, 7-6 (4) on Sunday in the Legg Mason Classic final. It's the Argentine's 11th career title, but his first on U.S. soil, and first anywhere in 1½ years. He hadn't entered a tournament

### Nalbandian beats Baghdatis in Legg Mason Classic final

since April, sidelined by a bad left hamstring. Before that, Nalbandian missed nearly 10 months starting in May 2009 because of hip surgery. Now the 2002 Wimbledon runner-up is back on tour and back to giving opponents fits, particularly with his returning. He broke four of the first seven times Baghdatis served. Baghdatis had a chance to extend the match while leading 6-5 in the second set. He held a set point at 30-40 on Nalbandian's serve, but put a forehand into the net on a 10-stroke exchange. Nalbandian eventually held serve there, then surged to a 5-0 lead in the tiebreaker.

Nalbandian had problems with his serve throughout the second set, and he hit his seventh double-fault of the day on his first match point. But Baghdatis missed a forehand on the next point to end the match after 1 hour, 59 minutes. Nalbandian has reached at least the semifinals five times at major championships, and was ranked as high as No. 3. But all of the recent time off, including skipping the past six Grand Slam tournaments, contributed to a slide down the rankings that dropped him to 161st. He's climbing his way up, expected to return to the top 50 on Monday. The unseeded

Nalbandian was impressive all week, winning 12 of 13 sets while upsetting four seeded players: No. 4 Marin Cilic, No. 7 Stanislas Wawrinka, No. 13 Gilles Simon, and No. 8 Baghdatis, who lost to Roger Federer in the 2006 Australian Open final. Nalbandian won Sunday's prematch coin toss and chose to receive, a relatively rare strategy at this level, but one that makes sense. He long has been considered one of the game's top returners and entered Sunday having broken opponents in a tournament-best 59 percent of their service games during the week. □

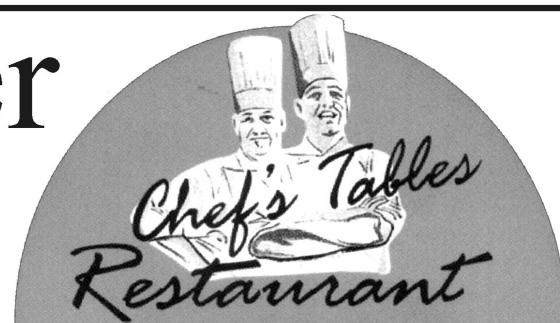


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## Juan Pablo Montoya wins at Watkins Glen

By JOHN KEKIS

AP Sports Writer

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Juan Pablo Montoya finally had a race without a mistake, and he proved invincible.

The hard-driving Colombian erased 113 races of futility Sunday, winning a duel with Marcos Ambrose and the Sprint Cup race at Watkins Glen International.

"It's about time," Montoya said after celebrating with his crew in Victory Lane. "We've lost a lot of them, gave away a lot of them. It gets frustrating, everybody fighting. There's so many things I have to learn. I still make a lot of mistakes. It's experience. We've just got to learn from it."

Frustration mounted when crew chief Brian Pattie's pit strategy backfired at the previous two races. A late four-tire call likely cost Montoya a win at the Brickyard 400, and he finished 16th a week ago at Pocono after starting second, another questionable pit call the culprit that led to harsh words over the radio.

A prerace talk at Watkins Glen with team co-owner Chip Ganassi helped clear the air. Montoya went out, withstood repeated stalking and challenges from Ambrose and won going away.

Montoya led 74 of 90 laps and beat Kurt Busch to the line by nearly 5 seconds for his second career victory, the other coming on NASCAR's other road course at Sonoma in 2007, 113 races ago. Montoya gave Earnhardt Ganassi racing just its third victory of the season.

Ambrose was third, his third straight top-three finish at Watkins Glen, followed by AJ Allmendinger and pole-sitter Carl Edwards. Jamie McMurray, Tony Stewart, Kyle Busch, Jeff Burton and

Jeff Gordon rounded out the top 10.

It was the first career victory for Pattie, who fought back tears after watching the No. 42 take the checkered flag.

"It's huge," Pattie said. "I still want to win on an oval. He wants to prove his point. The Brickyard was my fault. Hope this makes up for it. Trophies mean a lot. It's pretty cool."

Montoya made the Chase for the Sprint Cup last year, made a strong run early in the 10-race postseason, and finished eighth in points. His chances of making the Chase this year vanished early. He's failed to finish seven of the first 21 races and is well out of contention.

"Last year, we were so hung up on making the Chase that it was all about numbers, it wasn't about being fast or slow," said Montoya, who dominated the 2009 Brickyard 400, only to lose a chance at his first victory on an oval by speeding on pit road. "It was about bringing the car home every week."

"This year, we thought we were going to do the same thing. But by race five, we had three DNFs. Then you've got to be realistic about what's going to happen. I started being aggressive, and a lot of mistakes came."

I think this will really bring the team together. It's a great thing for the future."

Ambrose won his third straight Nationwide race over the 11-turn, 2.45-mile Watkins Glen layout on Saturday. He was poised to capture his first Sprint Cup victory at Sonoma in June when things went awry. He stalled his No. 47 while leading under a late caution, was unable to keep pace, had to restart seventh when he couldn't get it refired and finished sixth.



Juan Pablo Montoya celebrates winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series' Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips at The Glen auto race in Watkins Glen, N.Y., Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010.

Associated Press

He seemed destined to finally break through at The Glen, but the handling on the last set of tires was off and Kurt Busch slipped past him late.

"It hurts," said Ambrose, who announced recently that he was leaving JTG-Daugherty Racing after the season. "It doesn't feel nice."

Montoya was able to pull away on every restart, but each time Ambrose reeled him in. When the race restarted for the final time with 15 laps remaining,

Kurt Busch passed Ambrose as Montoya took off again, pulling away as Busch kept Ambrose at bay.

Ambrose got past Busch in the first turn of lap 77 and began the chase again as it became a two-car contest. This time, Ambrose was unable to cut into the lead as Montoya steadily pulled away, increasing his lead from 1.7 seconds to 4.2 seconds in five laps.

"We lost the handle on it on the last stop," Ambrose lamented.

"We tried hard all day. Juan drove a heck of a race. He wasn't giving me anything. I just wore out everything trying to pass him."

Ambrose, who started 11th, steadily made his way through the field after the green flag waved and was second by lap 24.

Six laps later, he was on Montoya's back bumper and stayed there as Montoya was hard on the brakes, often smoking the tires. □

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*AL Roundup*

# Morrow loses no-hit bid in ninth as Jays beat Rays



Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Brandon Morrow works against the Tampa Bay Rays during third-inning MLB baseball game action in Toronto, Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010.

*Associated Press*

TORONTO (AP) — The Blue Jays' Brandon Morrow lost a no-hit bid with two outs in the ninth inning on a single by Evan Longoria, then stuck out his 17th batter of the game to finish off a 1-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday.

The three-game sweep was crippling for the Rays, who have lost a season-high five straight after briefly moving ahead of the New

York Yankees in the AL East earlier in the week.

Vernon Wells drove in the only run before leaving with a dislocated toe, which happened when he made a leaping catch against the wall in the sixth inning to preserve Morrow's no-hit bid.

The Rays came close to being involved in their fourth no-hitter of the season, which would be a record for the modern era. Matt Garza

threw the first no-hitter in Rays history against Detroit on July 26, and Tampa Bay was on the short end against Arizona's Edwin Jackson on June 26 and Oakland's Dallas Braden on May 9, when he finished off a perfect game.

Dave Stieb threw the only no-hitter for the Blue Jays on Sept. 2, 1990, at Cleveland. The club record for strikeouts in a game is 18, set by Roger Clemens on Aug. 25, 1998.

## Twins 5, Indians 4

At Cleveland, Jim Thome hit a two-run shot for career homer No. 578 as the Twins rallied for five runs in the fifth to pull within a half-game of the AL Central-leading White Sox.

Thome's drive against his former team came against David Huff (2-11), helping the Twins take two of three in the series and earn their 12th win in 16 games.

Brian Duensing (5-1) pitched a career-high 7 1-3 innings for the Twins, yielding three earned runs and nine hits.

Matt Guerrier retired the two men he faced in the eighth and Matt Capps worked a perfect ninth for his second save in three tries since being acquired July 29 from Washington. He had 26 saves with the Nationals.

## Orioles 4, White Sox 3

At Baltimore, Jeremy Guthrie outpitched Mark Buehrle as the surging Orioles won for the fifth time in six games under new manager Buck Showalter.

Felix Pie homered for the Orioles, who took the lead for good with a two-run sixth. Since Showalter made his debut in the dugout Tuesday, Baltimore has swept three games from the Los Angeles Angels and won two of three from the first-place White Sox.

## Tigers 9, Angels 4

At Detroit, Johnny Damon drove in three runs, while Alex Avila and Will Rhymes had two RBIs apiece as the Tigers ended a four-game losing streak.

Rick Porcello (5-10) allowed three runs, two earned, and eight hits in six innings to earn his first win since May 23. Damon hit a two-run single in the eighth and Austin Jackson drove in a run with a base hit as the Tigers increased their lead to 9-4.

## Mariners 3, Royals 2

At Seattle, Jason Vargas allowed one run in six solid innings to win his seventh game at home, while Casey Kotchman's two-run single in the sixth gave Seattle the lead for good.

Vargas (8-5) improved to 7-2 at Safeco Field this season, taking a shutout into the sixth inning. It was his second consecutive victory after going more than a month without a win.

Kansas City starter Kyle Davies (5-7) was Vargas' equal until the sixth inning when he gave up three straight one-out hits. The last single, a liner up the middle by Kotchman, scored Ichiro Suzuki and Chone Figgins with the go-ahead runs.

Figgins added a bit of insurance in the eighth with an RBI single to score Suzuki.

## Athletics 3, Rangers 2

At Oakland, Kurt Suzuki hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the seventh inning and Trevor Cahill allowed six hits through eight as the Athletics beat the first-place Rangers. Rajai Davis and Coco Crisp also drove in runs for the A's, who won for the eighth time in their last 10 home games. Josh Hamilton and Nelson Cruz drove in runs for the Rangers, who have lost four of their last seven.

Cahill (12-4) won his fifth straight against the Rangers despite allowing two unearned runs in the sixth. Michael Wuertz pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

Darren Oliver (0-1) started the seventh, and gave up a single to Chad Pennington and an RBI double to Crisp before leaving the game. □

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## FIRESTONE

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He won his first World Golf Championship title and moved to No. 12 in the world ranking, a big step toward joining the elite in golf. And he won for the second time this year, becoming the fifth player this year with multiple victories on the PGA Tour. "The last couple of weeks, the game has been good," said Mahan, who won the Phoenix Open in February by shooting 65 in the final round. "I knew it was there. I know I just had to keep going and keep trust. This weekend, I definitely just kind of let everything go and just had some fun."

It was anything but that for Woods. He had won seven times in his last nine starts at Firestone. He had not shot over par since 2006. But in a week that showed just how lost he is amid a personal life in chaos, Woods shot 77 on Sunday to finish at 18-over 298. It was his highest score on the PGA Tour as a professional or an amateur. He tied for 78th in the 80-man field, his worst finish ever.

He wasn't even sure if he was worthy for the Ryder Cup.

"No one would help the team if they're shooting 18-over par," Woods said before flying up to Whistling Straits to sneak in a practice round for the PGA

Championship next week.

For Mahan, it was mostly smooth sailing.

His 64 was the lowest final round by a winner since the Bridgestone Invitational became a WGC event in 1999.

"This is one of the bigger tournaments we play all year," Mahan said. "And it's definitely the best win of my career." The birdies were brilliant. The pars won him the tournament.

"I knew if I didn't make a bogey I'd be all right," said Mahan, who finished at 12-under 268.

The 28-year-old still managed to make it interesting, especially on the par-5 16th, which always seems to factor in this tournament. It's where Woods has delivered so many pivotal shots over the years, where Padraig Harrington took an 8 in the final round last year. Mahan was in the fairway, 227 yards away on a hole that had been shortened to 602 yards for the final round. He figured the only place he couldn't miss was short — in the pond. To go long and right into the gallery would still leave him a simple shot to the green.

"I did not count on hitting it right and long, and into a flower bush," he said. That's where he went. Because it was deemed to be part of the cement cart path complex, he was given a free



Phil Mickelson, left, misses putt for par on the second hole during the final round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010, in Akron, Ohio. Mickelson bogeyed the hole and continued to shoot 6-over par on the front nine, shooting himself out of contention; and Mike Bowser, 14, right, of Girard, Ohio holds the score board for Tiger Woods and Anthony Kim on the 17th green during the fourth round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010. Tiger finished the tournament at 18-over-par.

Associated Press

drop in the walkway to the 17th tee. He played it safe, chipping through the green and into the fairway, then putted to 3 feet to save par.

Since winning in Phoenix, Mahan had only one top 10 and missed four

straight cuts. Part of that might have been related to proposing to his fiancée at Pebble Beach a week before the U.S. Open, and planning for a wedding in January. Indeed, this is shaping up to be quite a year. □

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# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

### Kuznetsova beats Radwanska for Carlsbad title



Svetlana Kuznetsova, of Russia, celebrates her win over Agnieszka Radwanska, of Poland, during finals of the Mercury Insurance Open tennis tournament in Carlsbad, Calif., Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010.

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, California (AP) — Unseeded Svetlana Kuznetsova wasted four match points in the second set before winning her first title in 10 months with a 6-4, 6-7 (7), 6-3 win over fourth-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska

of Poland in the Mercury Insurance Open final on Sunday.

Kuznetsova effectively used her booming forehand early, but relied on her nerve after letting leads of 4-0 and 6-3 slip in the second-set tiebreak. Kuznetsova played tight on all of her four match points, including double-faulting twice, before Radwanska leveled at one set apiece.

It was Kuznetsova's 13th career title, but her first since she defeated Radwanska in straight sets at Beijing in October.

Radwanska, ranked No. 10, was playing in her first final since losing to Kuznetsova at Beijing and has not won a title since June 2008 at

Eastbourne.

Kuznetsova, the two-time Grand Slam champ, appeared to be on her way to a straight-sets victory when she went ahead 5-3 in the second set. But Radwanska came back to twice hold her service, sandwiched around a service break, to take a 6-5 lead.

Kuznetsova held to force a tiebreaker, then things got interesting.

Kuznetsova won the first four points and when Radwanska committed consecutive unforced errors, she reached match point at 6-3.

But Kuznetsova melted down. On match points, Kuznetsova double faulted, netted a forehand, and sprayed a backhand far wide.

Radwanska then double-faulted to give Kuznetsova a fourth match point at 7-5. But Kuznetsova double faulted again before Radwanska hit a forehand winner and Kuznetsova volleyed into the net to end the set.

Kuznetsova took a break in between the second and third sets and it seemed to help calm her.

She came out and held her serve at love in the first game. The pair were on serve after a trade of early breaks when Radwanska hit wide to give Kuznetsova a break and a 4-2 lead. On her fifth match point three games later, Kuznetsova hit a backhand winner down the line to end the 2-hour, 35-minute match. □

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## From Boston to Aruba's Occidental Grand Resort **Toes-in-the- Sand wedding for Tiffini & Michael**



OCCIDENTAL - Tiffini Torres & Michael (Mike) Mercier of Boston, MA were married this past weekend on August 7th, 2010 with family and friends as witnesses.

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## **Student Zachery Croes wins drum set from Cliffix Music Store**



ORANJESTAD – Yesterday, on August 8th, 2010, Professor Carlos Bislip presented his “End of Camp Recital” in the Expo Zaal at the Cas Di Cultura.

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Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber announces

# Aruba to ‘renew’ national identity



ORANJESTAD - Minister of Transport, Labor and Tourism Otmar Ouduber says “Creating and Introducing a new image of Aruba is a long process and hard work and the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) cannot and shouldn’t deal with this task alone.”

ATA announced last week that Aruba will introduce a new image which will identify the island both nationally and internationally. Before introducing the new image to the world, it will first be presented to Aruba in order to get the needed support.

The official campaign of the new image and logo of Aruba will be launched Friday 20th of August in the Main Street in Downtown Oranjestad.

Minister of Transport, Labor and Tourism Otmar Oduber confirmed to our sister newspaper Bon Dia Aruba that a huge investment and effort has been made in the process to launch the new image and logo which he believes will be a massive success. □



*From Boston to Aruba's Occidental Grand Resort*

# Toes-in-the-Sand wedding for Tiffini & Michael



OCCIDENTAL- Tiffini Torres & Michael (Mike) Mercier of Boston, MA were married this past weekend on August 7th, 2010 with family and friends as witnesses. Tiffini and Mike chose Aruba because they fell in love with the island while on vacation 2 years ago and they both instantly knew that

they wanted a beach wedding at sunset. Tifini stunned her husband-to-be with her beauty as walked down the sandy white aisle drizzled with flower pedals. The officiator Robert Gibson delivered the romantic sermon as Tiffini & Michael exchanged vows and rings.



The sunset was a perfect backdrop for their wedding day in paradise with toes in the sand and ocean alongside. Immediately following Bella Aruba Photography took the newlyweds and guests for their "Once in a Lifetime" photo shoot. "We were both so excited and incredibly happy. We were so fortunate to be able to celebrate our wedding day with our closest family and friends. Everything was perfect," stated Tiffini and added "We would like to thank everyone who made our wedding day

possible." The Dream Come True wedding was coordinated by Wedding Coordinator Kimberly Dammerman and her talented staff. The cocktail party and Reception was held on the beach under Aruba's starlit skies. The newlyweds danced their first dance, cut the wedding cake, toasted to champagne, dined and danced all night long with the great sounds from the DJ. Congratulations from Occidental Grand Resort and Aruba Today. □

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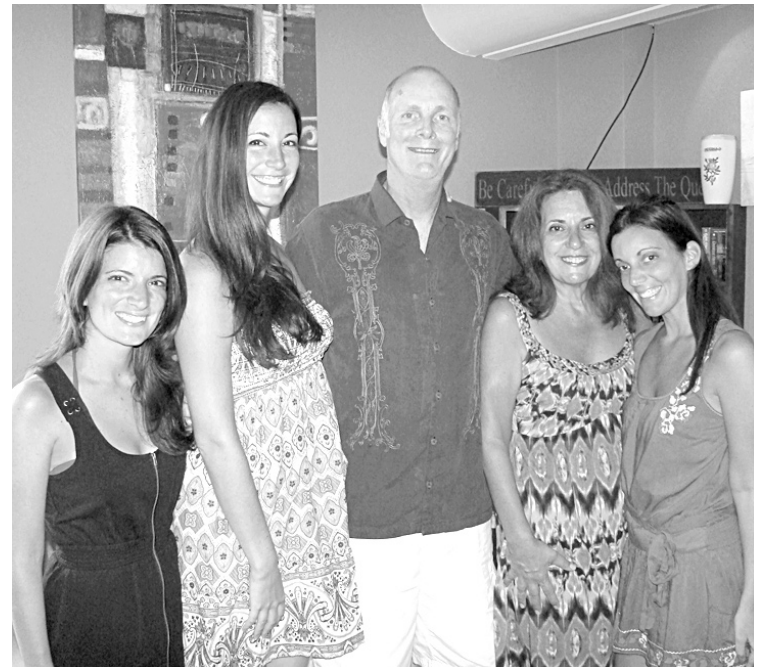
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# Radisson names Distinguished Visitors



PALM BEACH -- The Plaza Club Lounge on the 8th floor of the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa hosted a recent Distinguished Visitors ceremony as New Jersey residents Don and Linda Penney, received their well-deserved certificates from Ricardo Croes on behalf of Aruba's Minister of Tourism. The couple arrived here first in 1977 and since 1987 has been coming with daughters Allison, Jessica & Lauren always staying at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa. Germaine Wever and Mathilda Clement represented resort management and staff thanking the Penneys for their friendship and loyalty over the years and for supporting the island's people who became their good friends. □



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## Hotel concierges enjoy a night of authentic Italian cuisine



**PALM BEACH** – The island's hotel concierges, Aruba's own local island experts, were treated to a special night of traditional Italian home-cooking in the restaurant setting of Sole Mare restaurant. The dignitaries represented many of the major hotels on the island, including the Radisson, Renaissance, La Cabana, Casa Del Mar and Bucuti resorts. Owners Juan



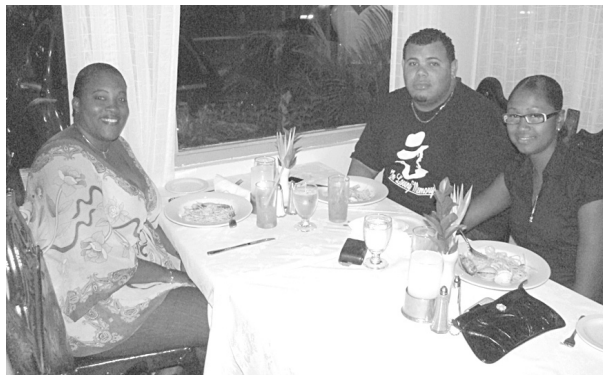
and Alicia offered their gracious hospitality to the concierges, treating them to some of Sole Mare's best-



loved dishes, starting off with a traditional Pasta Fagioli, followed by Linguini Frutti di Mare and Filet Mignon with Mushroom Sauce. The delicious meal ended on a sweet note, with the restaurant's own creation, a Chocolate Salami with Ice Cream. Sole Mare is a traditional family restaurant. Since opening day the Italian eatery has never veered from its philosophy of serving delicious home-cooked Italian food, with rich, fresh



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Show time is 8:30 p.m., and the price of a movie ticket on its own is \$10.

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# The Absolute Mentality

The physical world is constantly trying to seduce us into absolutes. Our Ego, Bless its Protective Purpose, likes to see things in black and white, but physical existence is anything but simple and straightforward.

Start to become aware of when you and others speak in absolutes. It has to be this way, it can't be that way. You either agree or disagree. There is no middle ground. If you're not with me, you're against me. Be aware of the Absolute

Mentality. It indicates immaturity and often the intent to manipulate.

In physical expression, there must always be a middle ground, and that's what Life is all about. We grow by finding compromise in our conflicts. We expand by searching the middle ground. We exist as unique individuals, and we each experience life very differently. There exist an infinite number of paths to reach any goal, and the path depends on the

person following it. Even on a simple walk, the same route is experienced very differently by everyone. We notice different things, and we each have different emotional reactions to what we notice.

One of the purposes of Humanity is to run the gamut of experience. The Infinite wants to experience everything the physical has to offer. It is natural for us to think that what works for us will work for others, but this is usually not the case. With experience, we become comfortable and set in our particular beliefs, forgetting that all paths are possible.

It is also important to remember that this is true for enlightenment. It is ok to listen to other's stories of enlightenment, but don't expect your experiences of enlightenment to be the same. Everyone expands into the fourth dimension differently. Remember too, that when we become enlightened, we don't need to tell stories about it.

This physical world is not

absolute. Humanity is not black and white. The paradoxical forces blend and meld, interact and intertwine, reaching beyond shades of grey into the realm of High Definition Infinite Technicolor.

Keep your mind open and allow other people their experiences and self-expressions. Don't tell people what path they must follow, and don't let people dictate your path to you. Offer suggestions, then allow people to follow the path of their choice. Don't be upset if people ignore your advice. When they don't do what you say, you're better off because then they can't blame their failure on you.

When you notice that others are speaking in absolutes, don't let yourself agree with their limitations. You've got plenty of your own limitations, you don't need theirs too. When you find yourself speaking in absolutes, ask yourself why your mind is so closed to other possibilities for other people. When you release your Absolute Mentality,


you grow by opening your mind and allowing others.

Until Tomorrow...


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


















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# The French Steakhouse delivers dining under the stars



Eagle Beach – The French Steakhouse at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa prides itself on the elegant dining experience it offers patrons. Reminiscent of a 1950s French café, the fully air-conditioned indoor dining room delights diners with its sparkling china, crisp linen, interesting bread baskets, and hand-painted tiles bordering the walls. A gracious staff, colossal desserts, and live jazz performed by Eddy Samson on piano add the perfect touches. Yet recently the idea of adding a garden spot to the existing blueprint began to sprout in the creative mind of Executive Chef George Hoek, and he immediately recruited the landscapers to create the intimate, lovely setting. Now patrons have another charming dining option at the French Steakhouse—a tropical alfresco courtyard featuring delicious cuisine under the stars. Diners can choose from the restaurant's famed "Ooh-La-La" menu offerings, including creative appetizers, soups, salads, seafood dishes, poultry, and the pièce de résistance—South American and USDA beef specialties. Among other popular appetizers, the chef's Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple-mango salsa and the Teriyaki-Glazed Seared Duck Breast served with garden greens and balsamic dressing are real crowd-pleasers. The French Onion Soup is true to the restaurant's roots while the Honey-Glazed Salmon Salad winks at the exotic East with a sweet soy dressing.



Seafood dishes range from the fresh Catch of the Day, prepared according to preference, to the amazingly decadent Caribbean Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat and Bacon. The tequila and sweet-chili glaze lends the jumbo shrimp a pure taste of heaven! Light eaters will find the Jerk-Curried Chicken Skewers and the Lemon-Herb Broiled Chicken very satisfying while meat-lovers should opt for the restaurant's famous South American Certified Beef Churrasco or a juicy USDA beef selection such as the Charcoal NY Sirloin Steak or the Grilled Filet Mignon. Hungrier patrons will appreciate the Ambassador's 5-Course Menu featuring the run of the regular menu's highlights for just \$34.95 per person. The French Steakhouse at Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa offers a truly unique dining experience—indoor or out—7 days a week from 5:30 PM to 11 PM. For more information, please visit <http://www.manchebo.com/steakhouse/> □

# Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano introduces Menu Turistico



Eagle Beach -- Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano, located at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa in the heart of the low-rise hotel area, delivers authentic Mediterranean flavors at a reasonable price in a charming alfresco poolside setting. The restaurant has just introduced Menu Turistico, a 3-course dinner featuring an appetizer, main course, and dessert for just \$19.95 per person, plus 15% service charge. Patrons may choose between homemade soup and Caesar salad for the starter; between Fettuccini Alfredo, Lasagna Casarecia, Spaghetti alla Bolognese, and any favorite pizza for the main course; and between tiramisu, cheesecake, and ice cream for the sweet finale. Of course, the regular menu

continues to offer delicious antipasto and salads, like the Calamari Fritti and the Insalati Bistrot; hearty Italian soups; fresh fish dishes, including Salmone Affogato in Bianco; pasta dishes, like the Tortellini alla Gorgonzola; pizzas; meat dishes, like the Fileto Di Bue alla Castellana; decadent desserts, such as the Cream-Filled Cannoli; flavorful coffees; and the finest Italian wines. Executive Chef George Hoek is the resort's much-appreciated culinary expert. He was the recent recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Shoco Award, presented by the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association in collaboration with the Digicel Group. The award is a national award of excellence and Aruba's top professional decoration in the hospitality industry. Open 7 days a week for breakfast and dinner, Giorgio's makes authentic Italian cuisine a reality on Aruba. Patrons are cordially invited to bring a healthy appetite. □

# Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar reinvents beach cuisine



Eagle Beach – Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa is widely recognized as the home of beach cuisine. Executive Chef George Hoek and his culinary team serve a sun-splashed menu on the oceanfront terrace, raising the restaurant to must-try status. Inspired by American, Mexican, Thai, Jamaican, Cuban, Greek, and Mediterranean kitchens, the menu lists favorite international dishes all served with a tropical, Caribbean flair. Patrons can choose from a variety of tasty starters, like Wings on Fire and the Fiesta Snack Platter. Pega Pega's Sun-Sational Salads—including the Thai Chicken Salad and the Caribbean Fruit Symphony—provide a light lunch alternative. From the sandwich

board come the Cuban-Pressed Chicken Sandwich, the Grilled Grouper Reuben Sandwich, the Cudarebo Fish Taco, and the Philly Steak Sandwich. Mid-day platters also include vegetarian options and a variety of oversized beef burgers. Pega Pega's tropical & frozen cocktail list leaves nothing out. A wide range of frosty beverages—from daiquiris, coladas, margaritas, and fruit or ice-cream smoothies to specialty blends like the Yellow Bird, Sex on the Beach, and the Cabuya—pretty much guarantees the perfect refreshing addition to lunch. A daily happy hour featuring live music is a great way to watch the sunset and kick off the evening. Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar is open on fabulous Eagle Beach every day from noon to 5 PM for lunch and from 11 AM to 11 PM for drinks. Patrons are cordially welcomed to enjoy the unrivaled views, caring service, and relaxed atmosphere of one of Aruba's oldest beach bars. □





Student Zachery Croes wins drum set from Clifix Music Store

# “Sold Out Show” for Carlos Bislip Drum & Percussion Camp recital



by Victor Gomez, Siegfried Hart, Gyasi Muller. Also there were solo performances by Zachery Croes on timbales and Leonardo Phillips on snare. One of the highlights of the afternoon was a solo performance of Carlos Bislip former student Micheal Brema who gave a spectacular drum solo.

Special Guests for this event were Jamaal Baptiste, Micheal Brema, Jose Croeze, Eduardo Maya and Gabriel Rafael. Walking Turtle Entertainment and Carlos Bislip wants to thank all of his camp students and all of the friends and family who attended this great event yesterday from the rhythms of the Drum & Percussion Camp at Cas Di Cultura. □

~ Photos by Julia Renfro ~



ORANJESTAD – Yesterday, on August 8th, 2010, Professor Carlos Bislip presented his “End of Camp Recital” in the Expo Zaal at the Cas Di Cultura. Performers at this event in the first group were Zachery Croes, Gilton Kelly, Cezar Kock, Elton Lampe, Jamal Martinus, Juni Rafael, Giovanni Thiel and Rayderick Wever.

The second part of the event was performed by Meldrick Boekhoudt, Omar Jaramillo, Yussef Kassar, Keanu v.d. Linden, Shawn Marchena, Jordan Morales, Christle Nieuw, John Perez, Leonardo Phillips and Jaymir Statia. The last set was performed





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# PTSD Study: Kids also Vulnerable to Stress, Depression

Popular wisdom has long held that young children survive traumatic events better than adults do, in part because they suffer less. Being too young to understand fully the nature of what's happening around them - during war or natural disaster, for instance - they should bounce back with much more resilience. But new research on child survivors of Hurricane Katrina and witnesses of the 9/11 terrorist attacks suggests otherwise. "There is increasing evidence that kids know what is going on if they are directly exposed and see something like planes crashing into the [World Trade Center] towers," says child psychologist Claude Chemtob of New York University, lead author of one of several new papers on children and disaster, published in a special section of the July and August

issue of Child Development. Together, the new studies show that young children and teens not only exhibit symptoms of posttraumatic stress and depression that are similar to those of adults, but that they may react more strongly to trauma because adults do. They also show that younger children and girls are more likely to develop symptoms of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) than boys and older kids. In the first two studies, researchers analyzed the long-term effects on children and their parents of the 9/11 attacks. In one analysis, led by Chemtob, researchers followed 116 preschool children and their mothers in Lower Manhattan who had been directly exposed to the World Trade Center attacks. Interviews were conducted with the mothers and with the

children's preschool teachers nearly three years after 9/11. Chemtob found that compared with children whose mothers did not report symptoms of PTSD or depression, those whose mothers were affected were three times more likely to be emotionally reactive - being clingy and quick to become upset - and seven times more likely to exhibit aggressive behavior three years after the traumatic events. "Kids are very attuned to their moms because moms send cues to their kids about what's safe and what's not. If Mom is less available and more focused on the fearful aspects of life, then she is not helping," Chemtob says.

In contrast, a second study on 9/11 that looked at more than 400 children, aged 12 to 20, and their mothers, found that those who were directly exposed to the attacks - those who witnessed the planes hit the towers, for example - were only slightly more likely to suffer PTSD than children who did not directly experience the trauma, but were significantly more likely to be depressed. Only 4% of these children had PTSD 15 months after the attacks, but 12% were depressed.

Notably, this study, led by child-development researcher Elizabeth Gershoff of the University of Texas at Austin, mirrors the findings of a 2008 study that Chemtob conducted with the same group of children involved in his current paper. In the 2008 study, he also found that children who were directly exposed to the events of 9/11 - seeing dead or injured people, watching people jump out of a building or witnessing a tower collapse - were three times

more likely to be depressed or anxious than those who were not directly exposed. "We have tended to say that young kids don't need help, but in fact they are very vulnerable," says Chemtob.

Chemtob's and Gershoff's conclusions are further supported by two other studies appearing in the current issue of Child Development on the child survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

In the first study, a team of researchers from Louisiana State University (LSU) interviewed 387 public schoolchildren in St. Bernard Parish, one of the areas most devastated by Katrina, and found that young children were more profoundly affected than adolescents.

Three years after the hurricane, children between the ages of 9 and 11 were four times more likely to show symptoms of PTSD than were teenagers between the ages of 15 and 18.

Although the study reported that behavioral problems among the study sample had decreased overall over time - with nearly half of the children showing no lasting signs of stress - more than 25% of the younger kids were still exhibiting significant symptoms of PTSD and depression, such as feeling sad or nervous and having trouble sleeping or concentrating.

It may be that older children had more emotional resources to call on, which made it easier for them to bounce back. "Whereas younger children are more dependent on their caretakers, adolescents can turn to their friends or others in the community," says Joy Osofsky, a child psychologist at LSU who co-authored the

study. Indeed, the children who fared best post-Katrina were those whose schools were quickly rebuilt and who had supportive relationships, both at home and at school.

Despite the age advantage, girls of any age were twice as likely as boys to have problems adapting after the disaster - an effect reported by both Osofsky's current research as well as several prior studies. One explanation, put forth by the second Katrina study in Child Development, is that girls may simply be more expressive of their feelings of stress than boys are, even if boys have the same emotions. In the study, which analyzed saliva samples from 62 boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 19 who had been relocated to camps after the hurricane, researchers found no significant difference in levels of salivary cortisol, a hormone associated with stress, between the genders.

Jacob Vigil, a psychologist at the University of New Mexico and lead author of the study, hypothesizes that the differences in the way boys and girls react to trauma may be due to social conditioning rather than actual physiological effects. It may also be possible that similar levels of stress hormones affect males and females differently.

Past studies have shown that PTSD is more likely to manifest itself in boys as concentration and behavioral problems, while girls tend to exhibit emotional reactions like guilt and anxiety. □

"Girls tend to internalize their problems, whereas boys are more likely to act out," says Gershoff. Other common symptoms of the disorder may include nightmares, upsetting thoughts about the past trauma, avoidance of reminders of the event and persistent worrying about more bad things happening. Although there was no significant difference in the levels of cortisol in boys and girls in Vigil's study, he did note that cortisol levels in the traumatized population of kids living in relocation camps were lower on average than those of a control group. □

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# No Shady Banking Buddy Left Behind

Michelle Malkin

First Lady Michelle Obama's latest overseas jaunt is getting all the headlines. But President Obama's money-grubbing junket to Chicago may cost taxpayers far more in the long run. With his Gaultier-clad wife sashaying around the Spanish seaside, the lonely fundraiser-in-chief returned to Illinois to take care of some birthday-week business. Job One: Filling the Senate campaign coffers of his corruption-tainted political protege Alexi Giannoulias. Mission accomplished. Obama's Thursday afternoon

campaign event for Giannoulias, the beleaguered state treasurer of Illinois, reportedly raked in \$1 million. Lagging behind his GOP opponent, liberal Republican Rep. Mark Kirk, Giannoulias has coveted one-on-one, grip-and-grin time with Obama for months. In addition to the cash, photo-ops and video of the Obama fundraising event that Giannoulias will milk from now until Election Day, the White House has dispatched Vice President Joe Biden, White House senior adviser David Axelrod and White House campaign management guru David Plouffe to boost Giannoulias' bid. Plouffe proclaimed Democrats "all in" for Giannoulias, whom he described as "a great progressive champion."

Obama gave his own personal seal of ethical approval, telling deep-pocketed donors this week: "I appreciate his strong sense of advocacy for ordinary Americans. You can trust him — you can count on him." Uh-huh. And I've got a bridge to Hope and Change to sell you. What would Giannoulias know about "ordinary Americans"? Giannoulias, 34, befriended Obama during pickup basketball games with an elite group that also included Michelle Obama's brother, Craig; Chicago edu-crat Arne Duncan (now Education Secretary); and hedge fund manager John Rogers (the ex-husband of the Obamas' ex-White House social secretary, Desiree Rogers). He spread his wealth and influence around early and often to support Obama's fledgling political career. He pitched in \$7,000 in 2003-2004 to Obama's Illinois State Senate bids. He hosted fundraisers for Obama's U.S. Senate campaign in 2004 and for his presidential campaign in 2007. Where'd the cash come from? Giannoulias' Greek immigrant family founded Chicago-based Broadway Bank, a now-defunct financial institution that loaned tens of millions of dollars to convicted mafia felons and faced bankruptcy after decades of engaging in risky, high-flying behavior. It's the place where Obama parked his 2004 U.S. Senate campaign funds. And

it's the same place where a mutual friend of Obama and Giannoulias — convicted Obama fundraiser/slum lord Tony Rezko — used to bounce nearly \$500,000 in bad checks written to Las Vegas casinos. This week, the Chicago Sun-Times revealed an additional \$22.75 million Broadway Bank loan to a Rezko-owned business in 2006. Giannoulias held an ownership stake in the bank at the time.

Giannoulias served as Broadway Bank vice president and senior loan officer for four years. According to the Chicago Tribune, during Giannoulias' tenure, some \$27 million of Broadway Bank's funny money went to mob crooks Michael "Jaws" Giorango and Demetri Stavropoulos. Giorango is a hustler who fronted a nationwide prostitution ring and was sentenced to six months in prison; Stavropoulos is behind bars for operating a multistate bookmaking ring. Giorango ran the \$400-an-hour call girl operation out of high-rise luxury apartments in Chicago with the infamous "Gold Coast Madam," Rose Laws. Giorango and Stavropoulos used their Broadway Bank loans to start their own risky lending business for nontraditional borrowers unable to secure traditional bank financing. Despite Giorango's criminal record exposed by the Tribune in 2004, Broadway Bank approved massive mortgages for him. Giannoulias' brother, Demetris, explained that as a "relationship bank," Broadway wouldn't just throw someone under the bus because of a "bad article." Instead, the bank went ahead and rubber-stamped a September 2005 loan for \$3.4 million to buy a 32-unit Los Angeles apartment complex. The application falsely stated that the borrower, Giorango, had "not been convicted of a felony." Giannoulias oversaw the servicing of such shady loans totaling \$11 million. Remember: He was no low-level staffer. He was, as he reminded supporters when he needed to deflect attention away from his youth, top management at Broadway Bank. □

## Senate Dems, Messina Chart Strategy For August And Obama's Role On The Trail

Sam Stein

In a meeting at the Capitol on Thursday, Senate Democrats, senior staff, and an official with the Obama White House charted out an aggressive communications strategy designed specifically to avoid the perils of last August's recess.

According to sources in attendance and those briefed on the meeting, there were three distinct takeaways. The president will be playing an active and public role making a contrast between his agenda and the GOP's obstruction in the months ahead; non-governmental groups will help earn media coverage and drive the narrative; and there will be intense emphasis on keeping all candidates, offices and parties coordinated on the same message.

In all, three separate presentations were made over the course of an hour. The first was offered by longtime strategist Paul Begala who spoke specifically towards driving home a message that contrast Democratic accomplishments with the GOP's obsession with reverting to a failed agenda. The second presentation was given by Rodell Mollineau, a senior staffer to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.), who spoke on the need for coordination between all parties involved. The third presentation was made by White House Deputy Chief of Staff Jim Messina who echoed Mollineau's comments in addition to talking, more specifically, about Obama's plans for the month ahead.

"It was all about contrast, contrast, contrast," said one attendee. "It is all about the contrast we are going to make in August. It has to be a choice and not a referendum."

"We talked specifically about the president and about his increasing contrast rhetoric would continue throughout the month of August," the attendee added. "Everyone in the room agreed he is our best speaker and has the loudest microphone. The more he can go out there and make those contrasts, and the more we can echo that, the better we are going to be."

To help drive home the point, lawmakers were handed pocket cards to carry around during the

recess, succinctly echoing what has become a constant refrain from Obama himself in recent days.

Democrats are on the side of the middle class. We are fighting to cut taxes for small businesses and middle-class Americans, end tax cuts for CEOs who ship American jobs overseas, and create clean energy jobs that can't be outsourced. Republicans are on the side of Wall Street bankers and CEOs. They support tax cuts for corporations who ship jobs overseas. But their economic policies failed under President Bush. Millions of people lost their jobs, the deficit exploded and the middle class got hammered. Now they want to return to the same failed policies of the past. We can't afford to go back.

Staffers, meanwhile, were passed a memo titled "This August The Choice is Clear," which offered similar bullet points to stress during the weeks ahead.

Coming after last August's dramatic setbacks, Thursday's meeting was designed to be a sobering reminder not to get complacent during what should be the political dog days. Being on offense was indeed the major theme of the session. And the fact that tidbits of the discussion were leaked to the press is a reflection of how eager the party is to appear prepared.

"This August is not going to be like last August," one staffer briefed on the meeting told the Huffington Post.

That said, there are some actual strategic innovations that accompany the renewed emphasis on messaging and coordination. A broad coalition of Democratic-leaning groups, including Health Care for America Now, SEIU, Families USA, Social Security Coalition, Progress NOW, MoveOn, USAction Jobs Coalition, Center for American Progress, AFSCME and the AFL-CIO, have begun efforts to coordinate what one operative called "a virtual war room." The idea is to drive narratives on an issue-by-issue basis. □



# Presidente Colombiano quiere paz con Venezuela y Ecuador

*Santos y Chávez se reunirán martes*

BOGOTA (Reuters) - Juan Manuel Santos asumió el sábado la presidencia de Colombia y anunció que uno de sus propósitos fundamentales será reconstruir las relaciones con Venezuela y Ecuador, deterioradas durante el mandato de su antecesor Alvaro Uribe por culpa de la guerrilla.

Después de que asumió el poder y juró cumplir la Constitución en la histórica Plaza de Bolívar, en el centro de Bogotá, Santos descartó una guerra con los países vecinos.

El tecnócrata de 58 años, educado en Estados Unidos e Inglaterra, dejó abierta la posibilidad de un diálogo de paz con las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) y el Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN), pero lo condicionó a que suspendan las actividades criminales y depongan las armas.

“Queremos vivir en paz con todos nuestros

vecinos. Los respetaremos para que nos respeten.

Entendemos que sobre las diferencias ideológicas se impone el destino compartido de hermanos de historia y de sangre; que nos unen propósitos comunes para trabajar por nuestra región y nuestra gente”, afirmó.

El presidente colombiano, Juan Manuel Santos, se reunirá el martes con su par venezolano, Hugo Chávez, para intentar restablecer las relaciones diplomáticas rotas por acusaciones de que Caracas da refugio a guerrilleros de las FARC.

“Hoy voy a dormir feliz”, dijo Chávez en Caracas luego de que la planeada reunión fuera anunciada tras conversaciones entre los cancilleres de ambos países en Bogotá. “Yo espero que de esa reunión podamos sacar conclusiones que nos lleven a normalizar las relaciones entre los dos países”, dijo por su lado, Santos □



El presidente de Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos.

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